

# Preventing Crime

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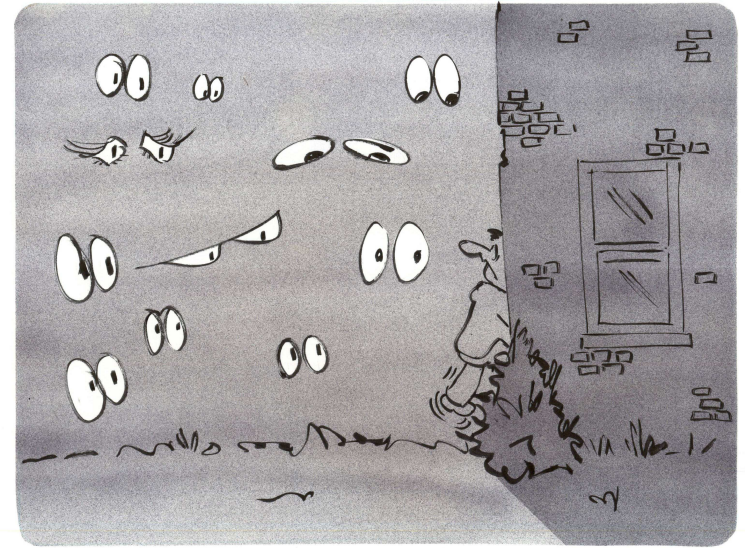


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- Do not become an easy target
- Target harden your property by following these simple tips:
  - Have a neighbor or a friend collect mail or newspapers when you are away on vacation
  - Keep bushes and shrubbery trimmed to no more than 3 feet high
  - The lowest limb on a should be 6 feet off the ground



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- Place House numbers in a clearly visible location from the street
- Use motion-sensor lights on the exterior or the residence
- Use auxiliary lighting for dark places in your yard
- Replace hollow-core exterior doors with solid-core doors

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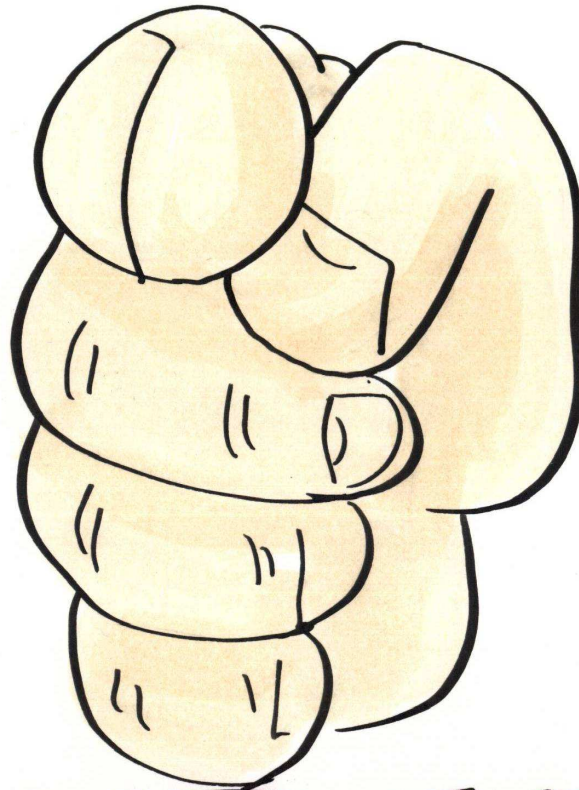
- Use double-cylinder deadbolt locks on all exterior doors
- Keep all doors and windows locked when you are away from home
- Lock your residence when completing yard work
- Supplement your window locks if the current lock is insufficient

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- Never give out personal information over the phone unless you initiated the call
- Don't open the door to strangers, even if they are representing themselves as repairman
- Don't pay in advance for home repairs
- Keep your property well maintained

# Summary

- Preventing crime is what you make of it...just like your neighborhood
- If you don't care...the criminal will quickly realize this and set-up business
- Together we can make a difference



...IT'S UP TO YOU